

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By:	Budget Committee	Date, Time:	12/28/15 at 19:00
Transcribed By:	Kathy Tobine	Place:	Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton

Donnie Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Present: Budget Committee Members Don Stevens, George Flanders, Timothy Sattler, Peter Fogg, Paul Blaisdell, Jane Alden; Commissioner Patrick Clark, Chief Michael W. Sitar, Jr.

Operating Budget

Supplies

Account 630 Equipment Maintenance & Repair

Commissioner Clark explained that the Commissioners voted a bottom line. Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$13,500. Jane Alden seconded the motion.

Tim Sattler asked if the reason a line was underspent was this was an area they were trying to save money. Commissioner Clark explained it was.

Discussion ensued on Chief Sitar's breakdown of each subcategory under this line item.

There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Account 631 Service Testing

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$15,875. Jane Alden seconded the motion. Chief Sitar explained these are all contract prices for annual testing. Discussion ensued on each subcategory of this line item. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Account 635 Gasoline

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$6,000. Jane Alden seconded the motion. Paul Blaisdell wanted to know who gets the eight cent per gallon surcharge. Chief Sitar commented we did. Pat Clark explained that we have a contracted per gallon price and when you add the surcharge to it our cost is \$2.331 per gallon. Further discussion ensued.

Peter Fogg amended his motion to \$5,100. Jane Alden seconded the amended motion. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Account 636 Diesel

Patrick Clark made a motion to fund this line at \$16,200. Jane Alden seconded the motion.

Commissioner Clark explained his calculation for the amount of his motion. The current price is \$2.44 per gallon including the surcharge. Discussion ensued.

Patrick Clark amended his motion from \$16,200 to \$14,420. Jane Alden seconded the amended motion. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Account 660 Vehicle Repairs

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$42,330. Jane Alden seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about Chief Sitar's predicted repairs for 2016. The Committee requested Chief Sitar email them his spreadsheet on repairs to be completed before the make a decision on this line.

Account 670 Books & Periodical

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$250. Jane Alden seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Account 680 Departmental Awards

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$650. Jane Alden seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the annual awards ceremony. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Account 683 Fire Prevention

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$1,500. Jane Alden seconded the motion. Chief Sitar explained this covers the Fire Prevention trailer as well as materials and supplies they give away. It also includes the smoke detectors they give to people who need them. Discussion ensued on the fluctuation in spending from year to year. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Blaisdell requested they make sure the programs are diverse enough and spend more than \$776. Maybe broaden the scope of the program since they have funded this line for more than what was expended in 2015.

Account 685 Uniforms

Peter Fogg made a motion to fund this line at \$10,700. Jane Alden seconded the motion.

Discussion:

685.01 Career Uniforms: Chief Sitar commented on the amount of his request. He increased each firefighter \$150 to purchase their dress uniforms. Discussion ensued about dress uniforms.

685.02 Call Company Uniforms: Chief Sitar reported there are 20 Call Company members. He is allowing \$90 per member for clothing. Discussion ensued.

685.03 Support Company Uniforms: Chief Sitar explained this is the Red Company. They support the department at calls, open house, etc. He is proposing \$90 per person.

685.01 Career Uniforms: Paul Blaisdell asked what the other \$500 of the \$650 purchased since \$150 was to be used for dress uniforms. Chief Sitar provided a list of items they purchase. Discussion ensued about managing the \$150 to be used for dress uniforms. After extensive discussion the Committee decided to increase this line \$750 to provide enough money to keep the Career Uniform allowance at \$500 per person plus purchase two dress uniforms per year.

Peter Fogg amended his motion to fund this line at \$11,450. Jane Alden seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Peter Fogg made a motion to adjourn. Jane Alden seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Tobine

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: 01/5/16 at 19:00. Meeting to be held at Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton.